PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of Information unless it contains a valid OMB

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE** STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

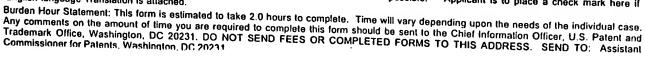
Complete if Known					
Application Number					
Filing Date	March 25, 2004				
First Named Inventor					
Art Unit	Yu KITAHARA				
Examiner Name					
Attorney Docket Number	25-272				

	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner nitials		Document Number Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant	
		US-			Figures Appear	
		us-				
		US-				
		US-			•	
		US-				
		us-				
		us-				
		US-				
	-	us-				
		US-	Į			
		US-	ĺ			
		US-				
		US-				
		US-		•		
		US-	1			
		us-	ļ			
		US-				
		US-	į			
i		us-				
		US-				

		FORE	IGN PATENT D	OCUMENTS		
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document  Country Code3 -Number4 - Kind Code4 (if known)	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	76
		JP 2002-109775 JP 2001-235676 JP 2000-081566	04-12-2002 08-31-200 03-21-200	1		* *
		* English Abstract pages 1 - 2 of s	Attached; pecificati	relevance disc on	ussed at	

Examiner			
	I Data		_
Signature	Date		
	Considered	·	

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if



<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.